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H. R. 4449

To amend part A of title IV of the Social Security Act to enable States to construct, rehabilitate, purchase or rent permanent housing for homeless AFDC families, using funds that would otherwise be used to provide emergency assistance for such families.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 18, 1994

Mr. PETERSON of Minnesota (for himself, Mr. FLAKE, Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts, Mr. VENTO, and Mr. RANGEL) introduced the following bill; which was referred jointly to the Committees on Ways and Means and Banking, Finance and Urban Affairs

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Permanent Housing
5 for Homeless Families Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE DEEMED TO INCLUDE**
2 **CONSTRUCTION, REHABILITATION, PUR-**
3 **CHASE, AND RENTAL OF PERMANENT HOUS-**
4 **ING FOR HOMELESS AFDC FAMILIES.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 406 of the Social Security
6 Act (42 U.S.C. 606) is amended by inserting after sub-
7 section (c) the following:

8 “(d)(1) The term ‘emergency assistance to needy
9 families with children’ includes the qualified expenditures
10 of an eligible State.

11 “(2) As used in paragraph (1):

12 “(A) The term ‘eligible State’ means, with re-
13 spect to a fiscal year, a State that meets the follow-
14 ing requirements:

15 “(i) The State plan approved under this
16 part for the fiscal year includes provision for
17 emergency assistance as described in subsection
18 (e) or this subsection.

19 “(ii) The State has provided assurances to
20 the Secretary that the average amount that the
21 State intends to expend per family for such
22 emergency assistance for the fiscal year would
23 not exceed such average amount for the imme-
24 diately preceding fiscal year. The Secretary
25 shall prescribe in regulations standards for de-
26 termining the period over which capital expendi-

1 tures incurred in the provision of such emer-
2 gency assistance are to be amortized.

3 “(iii) There has been a 30-day period for
4 which the average amount expended by the
5 State for the provision of housing in shelters for
6 the homeless or in hotels, motels, or other tem-
7 porary accommodations was at least \$1,200 per
8 family.

9 “(B) The term ‘qualified expenditure’ means an
10 expenditure used exclusively for the construction, re-
11 habilitation, purchase, or rental of permanent hous-
12 ing—

13 “(i) by the State, a political subdivision of
14 the State, an agency or instrumentality of the
15 State or of a political subdivision of the State,
16 or a nonprofit organization;

17 “(ii) all units of which will be used exclu-
18 sively for rental to families that—

19 “(I) are eligible (at the time of the
20 rental) for aid under the State plan under
21 this part;

22 “(II) have been unable to obtain de-
23 cent housing at rents not exceeding 30 per-
24 cent of their income; and

1 “(III) if such housing were not avail-
2 able, would be homeless or compelled to
3 live in a shelter for the homeless or in a
4 hotel, motel, or other temporary accom-
5 modations; and

6 “(iii) in a local jurisdiction that is experi-
7 encing a critical shortage of housing units that
8 are affordable to families eligible for aid under
9 the State plan.”.

10 (b) SUNSET.—Effective 10 years after the date of the
11 enactment of this Act, the amendment made by subsection
12 (a) is hereby repealed.

13 **SEC. 3. SENSE OF THE CONGRESS.**

14 In providing emergency shelter to homeless AFDC
15 families, the Congress encourages the States to combine
16 funds available for such purpose under the program of aid
17 to families with dependent children with funds available
18 under other Federal, State, or local programs, including
19 the Community Development Block Grant program, the
20 Home Investment Partnership program, and the programs
21 under the Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Act.

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